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Vladimir Nikolayevich Stepanov was born in Moscow in 1889. After graduating from the Moscow Higher Technical School in 1914, he directed the municipal electric power station in Simbirsk. From 1916 to 1935 he worked in the Moscow electric power station and in Mosenergo, fulfilling the duties of director of the rayon cable network, director of substations, director of the network protection service, and consulting engineer for the cable network division, in that order.

Stepanov began to teach in a higher school, the Institute of National Economy imeni Plekhanov, in 1920, and in 1922 he obtained the title of professor. Generalizing his production and engineering experience, he wrote Electric Lines and Networks in 1925. In 1930, Stepanov transferred to the Moscow Institute for Mechanization and Electrification of Agriculture imeni Molotov, where he is now director of the Chair of Production and Distribution of Power for Agriculture and Dean of the Electrification Faculty. He has worked in this institute 18 years.

In 1933, Stepanov wrote Calculation of Electrical Networks, which enjoyed deserved popularity. Shortly afterward, he had a book of problems on electrical networks published. In 1940, together with B. V. Kuleshev, he wrote Construction and Exploitation of Cable Networks which is still a textbook for engineers and students specializing in this field.

An important specialist in power transmission and distribution, Stepanov has done much in the theoretical study of electrical networks, their practical utilization, and in the training of personnel for the electrification of agriculture.

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In noting Stepanov's 60th birthday and 35th year of engineering, scientific, and pedagogical activity, the service he has done for the electrification of the country should be emphasized.



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